

House Study Bill 504 - Introduced

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HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to identity authentication requirements for
2 public assistance benefits.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **239.1 Definitions.**

2 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
3 requires:

4 1. "*Applicant*" means an individual who is applying for
5 public assistance benefits in the state.

6 2. "*Department*" means the department of human services.

7 3. "*Public assistance*" means SNAP (the supplemental
8 nutrition assistance program), the Medicaid program, FIP (the
9 family investment program), and CHIP (the children's health
10 insurance program).

11 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **239.2 Identity authentication.**

12 Unless otherwise prohibited by federal law or regulation,
13 prior to the department awarding public assistance benefits, an
14 applicant shall complete a computerized identity authentication
15 process to confirm the identity of the applicant. Identity
16 authentication shall be accomplished through a knowledge-based
17 questionnaire consisting of financial and personal questions.
18 The questionnaire shall contain questions tailored to assist
19 persons without a bank account or those who have poor access
20 to financial and banking services or who do not have an
21 established credit history. The questionnaire may be submitted
22 by the applicant online, in person, or via telephone.

23 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **239.3 Administration — rules —**
24 **reporting.**

25 1. The department of human services shall adopt rules
26 pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this chapter.

27 2. The department shall submit a report to the governor
28 and the general assembly by January 15, 2024, and by January
29 15 annually thereafter through January 15, 2025, detailing the
30 impact of the identity authentication measures taken under this
31 chapter.

32 Sec. 4. IMPLEMENTATION.

33 1. The department of human services shall request federal
34 approval including for any state plan amendment or waiver
35 necessary to administer this Act.

